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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT (MHSA)
PROPOSED MHSA HOUSING PROGRAM
NEHEMIAH COURT APARTMENTS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

June 29, 2009

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), as required under the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), is opening a public review and comment period for the proposal submitted by A Community of Friends, Project Sponsors of the Nehemiah Court Apartments proposed to be funded through the MHSA Housing Program. Through the MHSA Housing Program, LACDMH was allocated \$115,571,200 for capital development and capitalized operational subsidies for permanent supportive housing for individuals with psychiatric disabilities and their families. As required by the program, the funds were transferred to California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA), who will administer the funds and underwrite the loans. The project is located in Service Area 3 and Supervisorial District 5 and will target homeless low income adults.

The Nehemiah Courts Apartments Capital Development Project was originally posted for public review and comment from December 31, 2008 – January 30, 2009. Since the original posting period, the project sponsor has been approved for \$1,248,000 of capital development Loan. With the additional funding, the total requests for both capital development and capitalized operating subsidies have increased from \$1,377,120 to \$1,848,000. They are requesting a MHSA capital development loan of \$1,248,000 and \$600,000 for capitalized operating Subsidies for the 12 MHSA funded units, of a 13 unit project, which will be dedicated to adults with psychiatric disabilities.

The public review and comment period will run from June 29, 2009 – July 28, 2009. The documents under review will be posted on the LACDMH website (<http://dmh.lacounty.info/mhsa/>) and hard copies are available from LACDMH Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Any member of the public may request a hard copy of the document by contacting Dr. Maria Funk, District Chief, at (213) 251-6582.

Please e-mail your input, recommendations and comments to MHSApubliccomment@dmh.lacounty.gov or submit written comments to Dr. Maria Funk, Countywide Housing, Employment & Education Resource Development, 695 S. Vermont Avenue, 10th Floor, and Los Angeles, CA 90005 or by fax to (213) 637-2336.